

Members of the Oil/Gas Industry and Water-Supply Industry in Southeast New Mexico,

Request for Comments:

Draft Policy on Temporary Above Ground Fresh-Water Pipelines

Second revised timeline: At the request of one large stakeholder [the Working Group of NMOGA], the comment period has been extended for the second time.

February 21, 2017: Draft policy distributed [BLM]

~~March 17, 2017~~

~~April 21, 2017:~~

June 15, 2017: Comments due [from Industry-Stakeholders]

~~March 24, 2017~~

~~April 28, 2017:~~

June 28, 2017: Final policy issued & distributed [BLM]

~~April 3, 2017~~

~~May 8, 2017~~

July 17, 2017: Anticipated effective date of new policy

New policy will apply to any applications/requests received as of 7/17/2017.

Comments submitted to date (4/13) have been retained and will be considered after the final comment date. If anyone has additional thoughts, they may submit them separately by June 15; but please note on the additional comments that the commenter has previous comments submitted earlier.

Remember: this proposed policy on fresh-water surface pipelines presents an **alternative** to the regular BLM R/W process. Using this alternative should be quicker, and has no cost to the operator for processing or rental.

The trade-off is that certain route choice criteria and certain operating stipulations are required. That is why the requests can be processed more quickly. And BLM asks you to help us monitor the installation and operation at the operator's expense.

If an operator does not want to be subject to those route criteria, operating standards, and inspection/enforcement requirements, the operator retains the right to apply for a regular BLM R/W. But that will take a few months, and will have both

a processing fee and a rental fee.

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